

V. REMARKS

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by either Bennett et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0029155). The claim is canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Bennett in view of Hattori et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,372,593). The claim is canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Bennett. The claim is canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance; the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of

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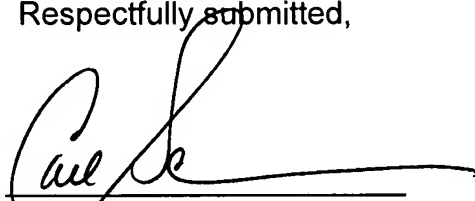
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the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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